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Division of Rivers and Wetlands Conservation
Department of Environmental Resources
3600 Vartan Way
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

RE:

Wheelabrator Falls Inc. Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility

Falls Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Conceptual Wetlands Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Shannon:

We are pleased to submit the attached "Conceptual Wetlands Mitigation Plan" for the proposed Wheelabrator Falls Inc. Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility in Falls Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

The area highlighted in orange on Sheet 2 of 2 on the site plan shows the area planned for emergent/shrub wetland creation activities. This location tends to centralize the wetlands complex on the site and avoids the other environmentally sensitive areas such as the possible endangered species habitat in the southwest, the historic site in the southeast, and the possible contaminated uplands in the northern section. The removal of 2.6 acres of existing slag piles and old haul roads will allow the connection and expansion of otherwise isolated wetland areas.

The typical cross section also shows topsoil, 4 to 6 inches, to be placed over the excavated substrate to improve growing conditions for the wetlands plantings. We propose the planting of a higher value plant community for wildlife benefits.

Based on my and Mr. Carney's telephone conversations with you regarding this project, we understand that the environmental review and approval of the Joint 105/404 Permit is complete pending the receipt of this conceptual plan for wetlands mitigation. We trust that this submittal therefore satisfies all the remaining requirements for final approval of the Joint Permit.

For your convenience in distribution to the review agencies, we have enclosed five sets of the Conceptual Mitigation Plan. If you require additional copies, please call.

